

CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON

July 28, 1997



CALFED Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth St., Suite 1155
Sacramento, Ca. 95814
Attn: Kate Hansel

SUBJECT: Inquiry Submittal for CalFed Bay-Delta Program

Dear Ms. Hansel:

Enclosed please find our Executive Summary/Letter of Intent for the CalFed Bay-Delta Program for the City of American Canyon in Napa County. I was authorized to submit this submittal at the July 17, 1997, meeting of the American Canyon City Council. It is our intent to submit a complete proposal for the next funding phase in November, 1997.

Please confirm that I am on your mailing list at the undersigned address. Please feel free to contact me at (707) 647-4366 if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely yours,

John V. Wankum
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Public Works Director

Attachment

cc: Mark Joseph
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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/LETTER OF INTENT
CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON
WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT**

The City of American Canyon ("City") has plans to convert existing land in its possession to tidal wetlands. Located in Napa County between Napa and Vallejo, the City of American Canyon was incorporated as a general law city in 1992. It owns property adjacent to the Napa River and San Pablo Bay Area. At present there are levees along the Napa River which have caused the depletion of natural wetlands as shown on the attached maps. The City has long-range plans to restore tidal wetlands to the area under its control and work with adjoining property owners for restoration of a larger wetlands area. Adjoining property owners are the California Department of Fish and Game, the South Napa Waste Management Authority, and the Port of Oakland, all public agencies.

Restoration of tidal wetlands would be achieved by the primary objective of the project, which would be removal of the existing levee along the Napa River. The restored tidal wetlands could be a habitat for many species targeted for preservation, including the Delta smelt, salmon species, migratory birds, and others. The restored wetlands area will also have a long-term educational benefit, as the City has plans for a wetlands edge road and possible viewing station, which are not included in the subject proposal.

The property owned by the City of American Canyon in the envisioned wetlands area consists of approximately 62 acres with an existing City Corporation Yard Building and wastewater storage ponds. The City plans to relocate the wastewater storage ponds in 1998 and 1999, allowing reversion of much of the area to tidal wetlands in 1999. New levees would have to be built to protect the existing Corporation Yard Building on about 4 acres. The remaining 58 acres could be reverted. Additional study is needed to determine if the American Canyon Wetlands Restoration Project would impact adjoining public lands, thereby requiring additional levees.

The scope of the requested funding would consist of land replacement costs incurred by the City, levees around the Corporation Yard Building, engineering costs, monitoring, and possible additional levee costs. It is anticipated that the City would not have substantial funds for project development, implementation, and monitoring. The estimated project costs are as follows:

Reimbursement for 58 acres at \$8,000/acre	\$464,000
Corporation Yard levees	\$200,000
Possible additional levees	\$300,000
Engineering and EIR	\$150,000
Monitoring	\$ 50,000
Contingencies	\$100,000
Total	\$1,264,000

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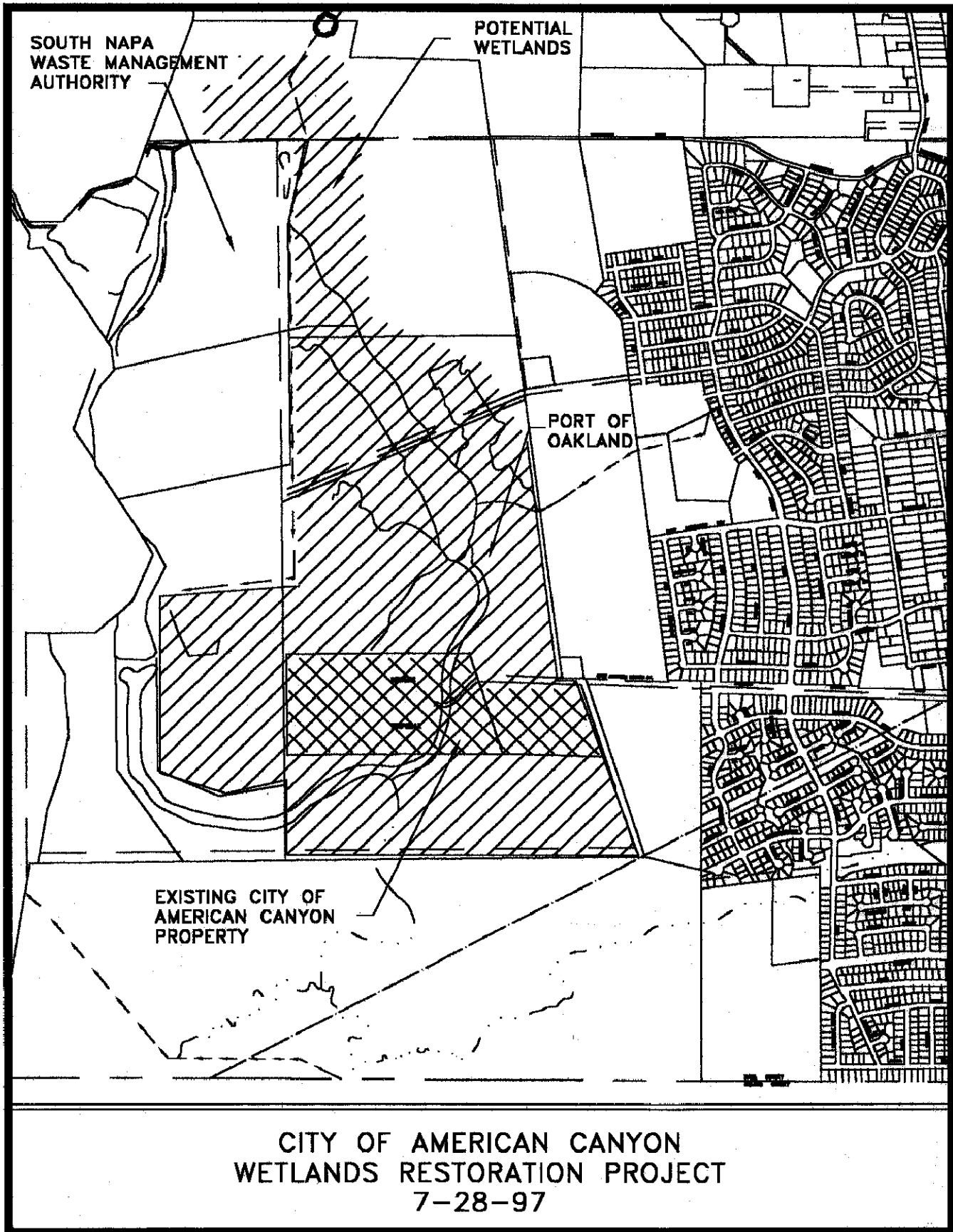
It is probable that other landowners, the Port of Oakland and the South Napa Waste Management Authority, would be impacted by this proposal. Prior to formal application, the City would coordinate with these agencies to either identify and mitigate these impacts or to broaden the project scope to include additional land. Project monitoring needs and performance indicators will be developed at a later date.

The City of American has sufficient personnel and financial resources to initiate the project. It is anticipated that consulting engineering, environmental consultation, and construction will require grant funding. The City currently has sufficient staff and expertise for overall project management. It is envisioned that a co-sponsoring agency such as the California Department of Fish and Game would also furnish suitable expertise, including monitoring and data evaluation. It is the intent that the effects of the project be carefully monitored and reported.

The City Council of the City of American Canyon has authorized City staff to pursue funding through such programs as the CalFed Bay-Delta Program in order to reclaim wetlands in the westerly areas of American Canyon. It is anticipated that other local and State of California agencies will wish to pursue an expansion of this project. These agencies could include the South Napa Waste Management Authority, the Port of Oakland, the County of Napa, and California Fish and Game.

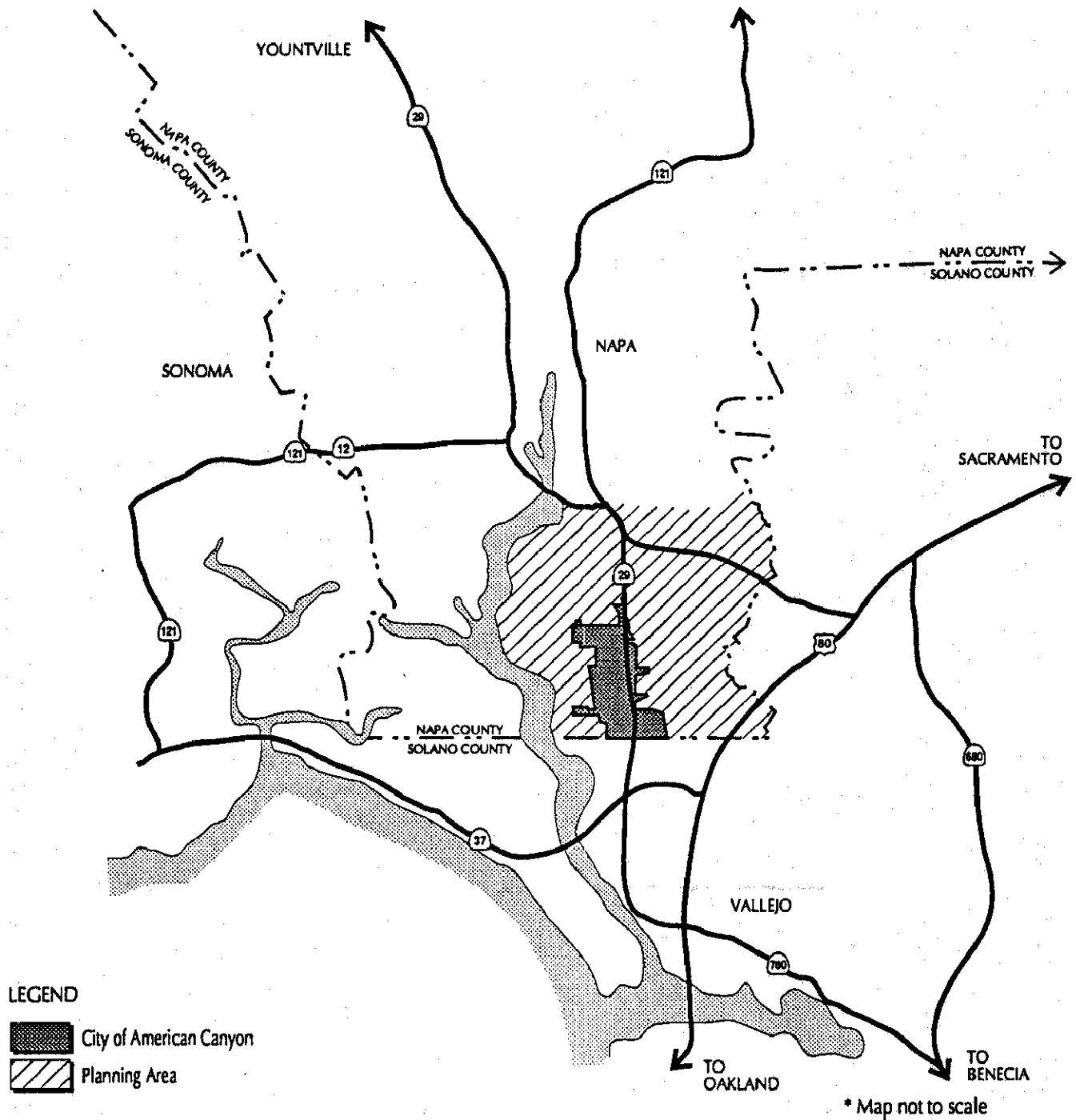
Attachment: Vicinity Map

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American Canyon

GENERAL PLAN



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PLANNING AREA VICINITY



FIGURE 2